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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE EC
COMMISSION

PLEASE DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR ROBERT S. STRAUSS FROM
AMBASSADOR ALAN WM. WOLFF

1. SUGGEST THAT LANGUAGE ON THE MTN ALONG THE FOLLOWING
LINES BE INCLUDED IN A COMMUNIQUE THAT MIGHT BE ISSUED AT
CONCLUSION OF MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE EC
COMMISSION.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CENTRAL TO
DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND
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CONTINUED GROWTH OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE WORLD
ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. THESE NEGOTIATIONS REPRESENT A MAJOR
EFFORT TO UPDATE THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM, BY IMPROVING THE
MEANS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF
POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE, INCLUDING THOSE ON SUBSIDIES,
STANDARDS, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, AGRICULTURE, SAFEGUARD
MEASURES. THESE NEGOTIATIONS

WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE THROUGH AGREEMENTS PROVIDING FOR FUTURE REDUCTIONS OF MANY OF THE REMAINING TRADE BARRIERS. THIS WORK WILL BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMIES.

PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WELCOMED THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN GENEVA SINCE THE LONDON SUMMIT, AND THEY DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL THE WORK PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR. THEY AGREED, IN THIS CONNECTION, TO PURSUE THE NEGOTIATIONS ACTIVELY ON THE BASIS OF THE WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, AS REFLECTED IN THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE CIRCULATED BY THE GATT SECRETARIAT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THEY ALSO AGREED TO TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE EX-CHANGE OF COMPREHENSIVE OFFERS DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, SO THE HARD BARGAINING PHASE COULD BEGIN IN EACH OF THE AREAS UNDER NEGOTIATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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